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**Attachments:** 260821_ABC cover letter and response to ACMA investigation report BI-753 Sacrifice.pdf

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Good morning Members

Please see attached the ABC's submission on Sacrifice in response to our request for section 180 comments, dated 21 August 2026. The ABC maintain their rejection of a breach finding for impartiality and warn of the possible consequences of this finding on investigative journalism.

The ABC has also requested that their full response (pp.2-4 of the attached submission) be published with the report.

They are not offering any remedial action, however, note that they will post the report and a public statement from the ABC on their corrections & clarifications page.

They also ask for at least 24 hours' notice of publication (this is in line with our standard processes). They do not repeat the earlier request for a meeting but remain open to discussion.

**Next steps:**

Subject to the Authority members' views, staff are proposing to proceed to publishing the report in the week commencing 7 September 2026 (including an additional attachment with the ABC full response dated 21 August 2026).

We will work with Media to prepare a media release, noting the ACMA is considering enforcement options.

Please let me know if you are comfortable with this approach and very happy to discuss anything else about the above.

Regards,
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